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News Release

NOT YOUR AVERAGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT: CITY OF VICTORVILLE BREAKS GROUND ON IMPROVEMENTS TO SPRING VALLEY PARKWAY

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VICTORVILLE – If you are among the thousands of people who drive Spring Valley Parkway each day, you know this road needs a facelift. Now, thanks to a unique collaboration between the City of Victorville, County of San Bernardino and Spring Valley Lake Association; Spring Valley Parkway will receive long-awaited improvements.

Speaking today at a groundbreaking ceremony, Ryan McEachron, Council Member from the City of Victorville discussed the unique-nature of the Spring Valley Parkway Project.

“This long-awaited reconstruction project is possible because the City of Victorville, County of San Bernardino and Spring Valley Lake Association were willing to share the costs of this project,” said McEachron. “It’s unusual to see three entities come together and work collaboratively in this manner. I’m happy to see our citizens benefit.”

Portions of Spring Valley Parkway between Bear Valley and Huerta Roads will be improved to increase safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in this busy area that serves Excelsior Charter School, Victor Valley College, Spring Valley Lake and area businesses. Specifically, the road will be reconstructed, resurfaced and sealed; and ADA-compliant curbs and ramps will be installed.

“It’s nice to see government really does work,” said Glenn Grabiec, General Manager of Spring Valley Lake Association. “When we put our heads together and work collaboratively to seek solutions, beneficial projects result.”

According to Grabiec, 12,000 people live in the Spring Valley Lake Community, and Spring Valley Parkway is a high-traffic area. His assertions are validated by a City of Victorville study from May 2013 that counted an average of 14,150 cars traveling Spring Valley Parkway each day.

“We are very excited to see this road improvement project come to fruition,” said McEachron. “If you travel this area of Spring Valley Parkway, you can appreciate that this is a quality of life improvement project.”

Ontario-based, engineering contractor, Lee & Stires won the bid for the reconstruction. They are expected to begin reconstructing the roadway on Nov. 30 and continue through December; however, work on the concrete sidewalks and ramps may begin before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

At times, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction, and pedestrian paths may be re-routed while new ramps are installed. Drivers are advised to use an alternate route such as Tamarisk or Ridgecrest Roads to avoid any congestion at the construction area.

Anyone who must travel this portion of Spring Valley Parkway is urged to exercise caution, obey all traffic controls and signs, and yield to pedestrians.

Total costs for the for the project are estimated to be approximately \$424.6K, with the City of Victorville contributing Measure I Funds earmarked specifically for road maintenance projects.

“For well over a decade, this stretch of road has been a sore thumb for thousands of residents of Spring Valley Lake and for thousands more VVC students and faculty”, says Supervisor Robert Lovingood. “There were no easy solutions, but San Bernardino County, Spring Valley Lake Association and the City of Victorville were persistent in taking a cooperative, team approach to reach a unique solution that benefits our community.”

For more information about this road project, call (760) 241-6365.

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